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By Grace - Through Faith (Eph.2:8)

October 2017 Newsletter



I have been working together with Frank, putting our ideas into practice at church with the new audio/visual display equipment. I have managed to purchase Microsoft office 2016 at a very reasonable cost so we can share and work on the most updated versions together.

I have Publisher for future tracts, leaflets and outreach work, but more importantly we have the latest version of PowerPoint (PPT) enabling us to create excellent visual displays. We have already used PPT in our Sunday services with Scripture up on display so everyone can read. Hymns are coming next as we progress and learn more. We have also used PPT on the church Facebook pages to make it a bit more interesting by highlighting scripture.

This is a great tool to have in any ministers tool box, it can enhance the service with great visual effects and at the same time helping the poor in

sight to see. It really can add a new dimension to our preaching, teaching and learning experience. New technology can be helpful when embraced in our churches and study groups. I have added a simple made PPT presentation for you to see its potential. Click or copy and paste into your browser to go to YouTube, <https://youtu.be/K-C3bhr-qlg>

If you have any ideas regarding this presentation video please let me know and we can have a permanent video on the biggest video player in the world, truly going global. "And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Mark 16:15.



I begin writing this report half-way through July. Why? Because it seems that this quarter is going to be a very hard time to be a Christian. There are about a dozen chapels in the area in which I live. Of those only two, other than are own, who come anywhere near the important standards that we at FEM believe are those required by God to conform to His Bible.

All ready in these first two weeks, of this quarter, it is very noticeable that Satan is making a concerted attack upon those three Chapels, in a determined effort to wound their witness to the Gospel truths we love so much. Preachers, Deacons, Sunday school leaders and teachers all have been struck down with sudden deaths, illnesses etcetera.

How has this worked itself out in the Chapel's? We have five Deacons at our Chapel; yesterday only one was able to be there to serve at The Lord's Table. One of our members died, suddenly two weeks ago, the family have told his wife that they will allow no Christian content what-so-ever during the funeral service. Yet this couple have been coming to Chapel for several years and are well loved by us all. Another lady has been threatened with divorce by her husband if she does not stop coming to Chapel, yet she to has been coming for several years!!!

So we face a concerted attack by Satan, yet we remember that our God said, "My Grace is sufficient for you." In this we face the coming weeks. I stopped writing here, because I have just had a phone call asking me to stand in, at short notice, at another Chapel, who have been, quite suddenly, left with no preacher.

Those words written almost three months ago by me were written as a plea to God to show us His guidance. There has been no let-up in the attack, this past week another good local preacher was forced to give up because of cancer. There has been a noticeable decline in the numbers attending midweek meetings and Sunday evening services. Yet there have been some noticeable times when God has blessed us. Today, Wednesday 27th Sept, I spoke at a midweek Christian lunch meeting and I could see that every chair was taken. Praise His Name.

At the end of August (29-31) I took time out to attend the Protestant Reformation Society Autumn Conference at Oxford, on "Martin Luther and the Reformation" Seven one hour lectures over two half days and one whole day, Wonderful!! I wish that we could hold such get-togethers.

Brenda and I returned home on Tuesday, this week, after a 4 day break. We needed it, there have been more meetings than ever to take, more people to see, most of them in hospital, and fewer free days. The Lord has upheld Brenda in quite remarkable ways, things that would have worn her out quickly, have seemed to give her added strength. For that we also greatly thank our God.

Next month I am booked to give two separate evening Reformation meetings. The 1st Thursday I shall be talking on the English martyr John Frith, then on the 4th Thursday on Martin Luther. On top of this we have around four meeting a month booked for the next three months, (I'm not speaking at them all). It is good that the Lord finds these openings for us to witness in. Again most of these are aimed at the older people in our community, these do seem to be a somewhat neglected section of most Churches outreach.

On the Saturday 14th Oct our Chapel will also be holding a PWMI meeting when Brian Sheldon will be speaking twice; subject "From Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kipper" With tea provided between meetings.

I have been greatly encouraged of late by Jeremiah 31:11-12 ... "For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him

that was stronger than he. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all”



My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 1John 2:1

It is right to write.

John wrote with joy and certainty and a definite purpose. He wrote to fellow Christian believers. With love and kindness he addressed them all as my little children. He wanted the best for his brothers and sisters in the Lord. He desired in his heart to bless them in the truth, not to bully them with threats. Love and truth are the best writing mediums. I love his style and would be pleased to shadow it in my October FEM report.

My gospel witness continues daily on website and Facebook. My thanks to Pastor Gary J. Hall for updating and refreshing my Colours of the Trinity website. Wonderful work, and now increasing the availability of the truth of the site to a far greater number of people across the world. In a real sense the Lord has given the increase. He has managed Colours of the Trinity website for last seven years. The Fellowship of Evangelists and Ministers is a real friendship group we share together in these ongoing matters.

At Leeds Hunslet, Ian and I have worked steadily on the audio visual

system. I enjoy creating the displays on Phonto app whilst Ian puts the service programme in order. The church Facebook page is updated each day. As is my personal Facebook page. Frank's Facebook Postings has a weekly theme with daily postings. It demands discipline and commitment, and delivers real joy.

On track with our FEM Gospel tracts.

I find the size of the Tracts is useful for they fit in my wallet perfectly. Giving me easy access to them. Book stands in supermarkets are good little sites to place a tract of Gospel truth. Waiting rooms at hospitals, dentists, doctors with the resident piles of old magazines are ideal venues to leave the message of God's love. We sow, and the Lord will reap his own harvest for his Kingdom.

For the remainder of 2017 and throughout 2018 my ministry will be drawn and gleaned from the amazing Book of Revelation. John wrote with diligence and delight in earlier times, I pray I can do the same in these the closing days of time.

It is right to write.



On the Home Front, we have finally put our house on the market. After a lot of hard work, painting, fixing and general improvements, we invited a few Estate Agents in for a valuation. We were astounded at the variation of proposed asking prices. It's early days, but hopefully everything will go well with the sale.

We as a church have settled in at our new venue and pleased with the added freedom it brings us after the limitations of being a house

fellowship for the past five years. This Sunday, 15 October, Richard Hardy is coming over to Liverpool to present both the Diploma and Ecclesiastical Certificates to Tarquin Maylam, one of our Bible Students. This will be the last of the certificates under the old system of studies with FEM.

I find it interesting that both Frank Rowley and I decided to cover the Book of Revelation in the coming months. At present our Thursday Bible Study is looking at the Rapture of the Church from a PreTribulation perspective, later, after the thirteen studies are completed, we will delve into Revelation. I am convinced that we are witnessing a convergence of the signs pointing to the fact that we are indeed living in the final hours of the Last Days. Though no man can know the day or hour of Christ's return for His Church, we can be prepared to meet Him whether He comes or calls. Preachers shy away from Biblical prophecy for various reasons, but whatever the reason, it leaves the church without much needed teaching.

We would value your prayers regarding our church, the sale of our home and the work of FEM. Pray for the websites of FEM, Birkdale Bible Fellowship, Colours of the Trinity and Living Word Bible Church, not forgetting the several Facebook pages connected to these sites. Each one is being used by the Lord in spreading the wonderful Gospel of Christ and Him Crucified.



On FEM's website, www.femonline.co.uk, you will find hundreds of books to download to your Kindle or other ebook reader. You will be directed to Living Word Bible Church website after clicking on 'Free eBooks' in the menu. Though we cannot vouch for every volume 100%, we do believe that the availability of them will be a blessing.



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